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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: May 22, 2013 at 6:00 PM
TYPE OF INCIDENT: Mass Casualty Incident Exercise
LOCATION: Leroy Jackson Park – City of Ridgecrest

RESUME OF INCIDENT

On May 22, 2013 the Ridgecrest Police Department, IWV CERT Team, Liberty Ambulance, Kern County Fire Department, China Lake Fire Department, Ridgecrest Regional Hospital and the High Desert Stars Cheerleaders, took part in a mass casualty exercise at Leroy Jackson Park. The scenario was a simulated gas explosion which resulted in many casualties. It was put together by Fred Hawkins (Liberty Ambulance) and was conducted so our local first responders could practice working together during a major incident. Everything went very well and the victims (played by High Desert Stars Cheerleaders) made the exercise feel very real. Photos of the exercise will be added to the Ridgecrest Police Department Facebook page.

RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police
PREPARED BY: Sgt. R. Marrone
Thursday, May 23, 2013